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SUBJECT: SUBCOMMISSION ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE

1. VATSYAYAN ATTENDING JOINT COMMISSION MEETING AS
CONSULTANT TO PARTHASARATHI. PLEASE ADVISE BLITZER AND URGE HIM
TO MAKE PLANS TO MEET WITH HER.
SEVERAL MUSEUM PROJECT AND EXHIBIT MATTERS NEED CLARIFICATION.
INDIAN EMBASSY WILL HAVE ETA AND ADDRESS.

2. VATSYAYAN ALSO WISHES TO MEET SMITHSONIAN OFFICIALS
CONSIDERING JAIRAZBHOY MEMO RE SUITABILITY OF MANIPURI DANCE
TROUPE FOR NEXT YEAR'S FOLK FESTIVAL.

3. CONTRARY TO RECENT CABLES ON SUBCOMMISSION AGENDA, VATSYAYAN
DOES NOT THINK INDIAN PARTICIPANTS IN MUSEUM SEMINAR WILL MAINLY
BE MEMBERS OF JOINT MUSEUM PROJECTS COMMITTEE. IF COMMITTEE DOES
MEET IN INDIA EARLY IN 1976 VATSYAYAN STILL PREFERS FEBRUARY
RATHER THAN JANUARY DATE.

4. THINK PARTHASARATHI DEPARTED INDIA BEFORE ALL SUBCOMMISSION
DETAILS SORTED OUT ON INDIAN SIDE. VATSYAYAN BRINGING SEVERAL
MEMOS ON AGENDA ITEMS.
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GIM THE GOI IS CONCERNED ABOUT OPIUM AND HASHISH BEING SMUGGLED INTO INDIA, NOT ALL OF WHICH IS CONSUMED LOCALLY BUT MAY BE TRANSSHIPPED THROUGH INDIA INTO INTERNATIONAL MARKETS. MOST OF THIS SMUGGLING IS ACROSS THE INDO-PAKISTAN BORDER. THE GOI STATES THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM FROM THE LARGE INFLUX OF HASHISH AND HASHISH OIL FROM NEPAL WHICH TRANSSHIPS VINDIA ENROUTE TO INTERNATIONAL MARKETS AND THE US. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS SEIZURES IN THE US, CANADA, AND WESTERN EUROPE OF HASHISH AND HASHISH OIL COMING FROM INDIA.

9. (E) REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION:

THE GOI COOPERATES EXTENSIVELY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS ON NARCOTICS QUESTIONS, AND PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE US COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS. THE INDIANS KEEP THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CLOSELY INFORMED ON PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS, AND THE UN LABORATORY IS CONDUCTING EXPERIMENTS ON HOW TO RAISE THE MOR PHINE YIELD OF INDIAN POPPIES. THE INDIANS PROVIDE STATISTICS ON SEIZURES OF OPIUM AND HASHISH TO THE UN ON A REGULAR BASIS. COOPERATION WITH NEPAL, PAKISTAN,
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AND SRI LANKA ON INTERDICTING NARCOTICS TRAFFIC NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED FURTHER.

10. (F) EMBASSY ACTIVITIES:

EMBASSY NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES WERE FOCUSED ON ENSURING A FAIR SHARE OF INDIAN LEGAL OPIUM EXPORTS FOR US PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES AND IN GATHERING INFORMATION ON THE ILLICIT NARCOTICS SITUATION. WE CONDUCTED FREQUENT DISCUSSIONS ON OPIUM PRICING AND EXPORT AVAILABILITY WITH THE INDIAN FINANCE MINISTRY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT US PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES GET A FAIR SHARE OF WHATEVER GUM OPIUM IS AVAILABLE. THE SECRETARY'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR NARCOTIC AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR SHELDON VANCE, VISITED INDIA AND REVIEWED INDIAN OPIUM PRODUCTION PROSPECTS WITH SENIOR FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS. IN REGARD OF ILLICIT TRAFFICKING WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON

DIVERSION INTO THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET OF OPIUM AND HASHISH OIL. THE EMBASSY HAD USEFUL EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION WITH INDIAN POLICE AND NARCOTIC OFFICIALS. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, WE EXPLORED POSSIBLE TRAINING LECTURES BY VISITING US CUSTOMS AND DEA EXPERTS WHICH CAN BE FITTED INTO EXISTING GOI TRAINING PROGRAMS. WE RECEIVED A FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT, AND THE TRAINING LECTURES MAY BEGIN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

11. (G) ENFORCEMENT:

GOI NARCOTICS OFFICIALS MAINTAINED AN ACTIVE PROGRAM AGAINST ILLEGAL OPIUM TRAFFIC. WE HAVE NOT OBTAINED COMPREHENSIVE SEIZURE STATISTICS FROM THE GOI FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 1974, BUT THERE WERE SEVERAL LARGE SEIZURES NEAR THE GROWING AREAS IN RAJASTHAN AND MADHYA PRADESH DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. RECENTLY, THERE HAVE BEEN SEIZURES OF OPIUM IN SOUTH INDIA WHICH WERE ALLEGEDLY DESTINED FOR SRI LANKA. PROSECUTION OF NARCOTIC TRAFFICKERS IS SLOW SINCE COURTS ARE BACK-LOGGED WITH CASES. IN ONE RECENT CASE INVOLVING NARCOTICS, THREE INDIAN NATIONALS RECEIVED MAXIMUM SENTENCES OF THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT. WE CANNOT YET TELL WHETHER DETENTION OF SMUGGLERS UNDER THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNAL SECURITY ACT WILL HAVE MUCH EFFECT UPON NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

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12. (I) TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION:

INDIAN GOVERNMENT TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS ARE FAR FROM ADEQUATE. THERE ARE ONLY A FEW HOSPITALS IN INDIA WHICH PROVIDE SPECIFIC TREATMENT FROM DRUG ADDICTION. THE GOI PROVIDES MAINTENANCE DOSES OF OPIUM FOR REGISTERED ADDICTS, BUT THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT REGISTERED A NEW ADDICT IN YEARS. THE US DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY FUNDS FOR REHABILITATION OR TREATMENT OF INDIAN ADDICTS.

13. (J) PROGRAM SUBMISSION:

THE MISSION HAS NOT SUBMITTED REQUESTS FOR BILATERAL PROGRAMS IN THE AREAS OF ENFORCEMENT, INCOME SUBSTITUTION, OR TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION. THE EMBASSY HOPES TO BEGIN TRAINING LECTURES BY VISITING US EXPERTS AT THE GOI CUSTOMS AND CENTRAL EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL SOMETIME THIS SPRING.

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